

## Staff Update

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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# The Healing Place: Thanksgiving Harvest



Thanksgiving Harvest – opening ceremony The Healing Place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Edwardsburgh-Cardinal



Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer



## ALUS East Hub Jamboree





SNC Staff presenting to ALUS tour group Metcalfe, Ontario

- Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) showcased on-farm stewardship projects
- SNC staff presented at 2 sites under partnership with ALUS







Katherine Watson presenting the Flood Risk Assessment Project Burlington, ON

- October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- In-person event Burlington, ON
- SNC's presentations:
  - Flood Risk Assessment Kat Watson and Dave Crossman (RVCA)
  - Building Successful Partnerships –
    Sandra Mancini and Peter Young (SDG)



# New SNC Staff – Erin Thorne





Erin and Family

### **Educational Background**

• B.Sc. Biology, Trent University

### **Work Experience**

- Environmental Consulting -Phase I & Phase II Reporting
- Media & Advertising Traffic Coordinator (CTV Calgary & CityTV Calgary)
- EA/Supply Teacher at CDSBEO







Raisin-South Nation Drinking Water Source Protection Committee

### Source Protection Committee (SPC) Member Recruitment

- SNC is advertising for a new Committee Member (Member at Large) to fill a vacancy on the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee
- Applications due November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- More info at <u>www.yourdrinkingwater.ca</u>







- SNC (John Mesman) Former Conference Chair (2017-2019)
- After 2 years of virtual programming, staff are returning for the annual workshop in Orillia, ON
- Land managers and staff from Ontario's Conservation Areas gather for collaboration and training
- SNC leading panel discussion and workshop with Conservation Ontario on the required Lands Inventories and Conservation Area Strategy



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75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge continues

to encourage visitors to log 75 km

transportation at any SNC property

Social Media Campaign to promote

through any method of active

challenge in October 2022

or waterway

### **75KM CHALLENGE**

#### Alfred Bog Walk Visit the Alfred Bog off Concession Road 11,

south of the village of Alfred.

**Reveler Conservation Area** 14255 Concession 10-11 Road, Crysler

**Cass Bridge Conservation Area** 12212 Cass Bridge Road, Winchester

**High Falls Conservation Area** 11 Nation River Road, Casselman & 18 Brisson Street, Casselman

Jessup's Falls Conservation Area 6675 Highway 17, Plantagenet

Oschmann Forest Conservation Area 12301 Ormond Road, Winchester

W.E. Burton Conservation Area 601 Church Street, Russell

Spencerville Mill 11 Water Street, Spencerville

**BOAT LAUNCHING** 

BIRDING

Alfred Bog Walk

Cass Bridge CA

Crysler River Access

High Falls CA

St-Albert CA

 Jessup's Falls CA Spencerville Mill

Embrun Boat Launch

Chesterville River Access

HISTORIC SITES

Oak Valley Pioneer Park

GEOCACHING

Spencerville Mill

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Reveler CA

#### **Findlay Creek Board Walk** 2835 Findlay Creek Drive, Ottawa

J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area 98 Craig Street, Russell & 110 Forced Road, Russell **Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area** 11319 County Road 2, Morrisburg

Warwick Forest Conservation Area 15755 County Road 9, Berwick & 15751 County Road 9, Berwick

St-Albert Conservation Area 24 Machabee Street, St. Albert

McIntosh Park Conservation Area Crysler Rd, Berwick

**Oak Valley Pioneer Park** 3324 Baldwin Lane, Winchester Springs

Mill Run Conservation Area 5659 McCrea Rd, Augusta

#### ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

#### HIKING/WALKING

- Alfred Bog Walk
- Findlay Creek Board Walk, Ottawa Oschmann Forest CA
- The Moose Creek Recreation Trail
- W.E. Burton CA, Russell
- J. Henry Tweed CA
- Reveler CA, Crysler
- Robert Graham CA
- Two Creeks Forest CA
- Warwick Forest CA

#### CANOEING/PADDLING

- Mill Run Kayak Route
- Great Blue Heron Kayak Route
- King Fisher Kayak Route
- Swallows Path Kayak Route Mallard Way Kayak Route
- Castone Farm
- Chesterville Waterfront
- Spencerville Mill



- PICNICS Cass Bridge CA
  - High Falls CA J. Henry Tweed CA
  - Jessup's Falls CA McIntosh Park CA
  - Oak Valley Pioneer Park

#### Spencerville Mill

 St-Albert CA Two Creeks CA

#### W.E. Burton CA

### FISHING

- Cass Bridge CA
- High Falls CA Jessup's Falls CA
- Spencerville Mill
- St-Albert CA
- W.E. Burton CA

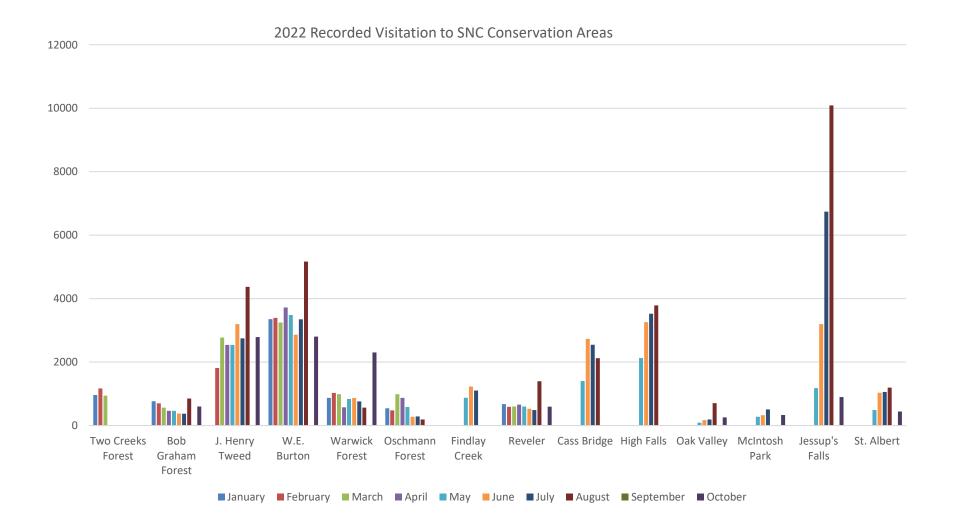
John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Community Outreach

- St-Albert CA









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## Community Volunteer Day at J. Henry Tweed CA





Water quality demonstration (2021)



Community Day with 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Scouts (2021)

### Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area in Russell

• Event will include a project update, property tour, water quality demo, and community volunteers planting 100 trees



Erosion Repair with Bioengineering Techniques (2022)

### John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Community Outreach







Potted stock ready to be planted J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area, Russell

- 1,000 native trees and shrubs recently planted in areas where dead ash trees were removed
- Large caliper trees will be planted by a contractor
- Ongoing tree management will be completed by staff during winter months



# New Edible Buffer at Jessup's Falls CA





- \$15,000 funding from
  Ontario Power Generation
- 13 caliper trees and 150 shrubs planted at Jessup's Falls Conservation Area

Shrubs being planted at Jessup's Falls CA October 18, 2022 Township of Alfred and Plantagenet

### Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician



## Greening County Roads





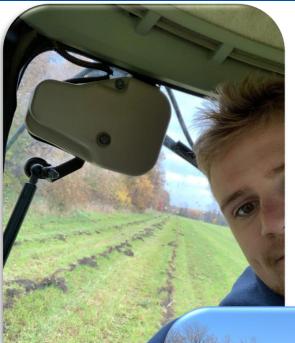
Roadside Tree Planting County Road 43 North Stormont

- 425 potted trees planted through the SDG Roadside Tree Program
- Refilled previous planting sites and established 2 new sites
- 3 new sites to be planted in spring 2023 under the 50 Million Tree Program
  - 1 windbreak
  - 2 block plantings



# **Tree Planting Site Preparation**





- SNC purchased a used scribe for site preparation
- Scribing being completed in-house with rental tractor
- Band spraying also in-house with SNC ATV and sprayer

Top: Scribing Right: Band Spraying City of Ottawa



Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician







Lunch Time Weeding SNC Office Backyard, Finch

- Garden boxes built by SNC staff installed in June
- Plants and seeds brought in by SNC staff and tended during lunch breaks
- Amazing harvest shared potluck lunches!







- Engineering Team supports delivery of Clean Water
   Program erosion grants
   property owners
- Complete site visit, project presentation at Committee, and final site visit to confirm work completed as approved.

Clean Water Program initial site visit Casselman







Bally Canoe Road Mallorytown - Front of Yonge

- Serving 4 new municipalities:
  - Augusta
  - Edwardsburgh-Cardinal
  - Elizabethtown-Kitley
  - Front of Yonge
- Number of inquiries and applications coming in
- Visiting municipal offices, meeting contractors, and visiting properties





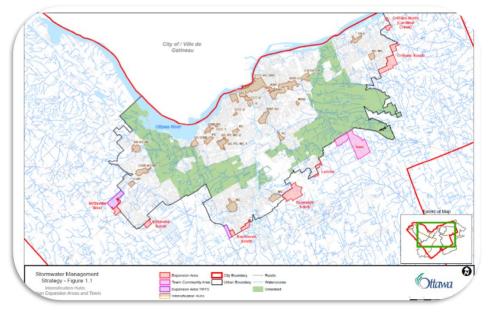


October 6, 2022 Kenyon, North Glengarry

- Project was complex and description was vague
- Staff visited site to understand project scope, provide local knowledge, and explain requirements
- Applicant updated application which was will save time on technical review







**Urban Expansion Areas** 

SNC continues collaborating with the City of Ottawa. This time we are actively reviewing the "2022 Stormwater Management Strategy".

The goal of this strategy is to review scenarios to address stormwater quality and quantity in Urban and Rural settings.



# Nation Stormwater Facilities Inspections





Accumulated sediment survey on the Oasis Stormwater Pond, Limoges, ON Nation

- Dry survey & visual inspections completed for all ponds – accumulated sediment survey well underway
- Data analysis and report drafting started



Gianmarco Maggiore, Water Resources Analyst



# Groundwater Water Quality Sampling





PGMN Well Purging & Sampling Event, Berwick, ON North Stormont

- Part of the MECP PGMN mandate – 14 total wells to be sampled
- All wells throughout the SNC watershed network undergoing sampling events to record and monitor the groundwater quality







Sampling shallow water benthos McKinnon's Creek, City of Ottawa

- Evaluating condition of aquatic ecosystems by collecting benthic invertebrates and water chemistry details
- Data incorporated into the State of the Nation Watershed Report Card







Northern Pike caught during sampling Albert Richer Municipal Drain, North Stormont

- Funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to classify six municipal drains throughout the watershed
- Water quantity and fish sampling data collected by SNC
- Support from drainage superintendents







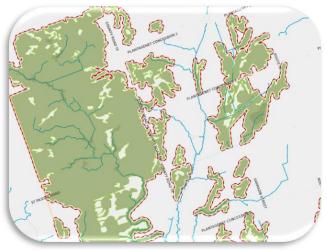
Spraying vegetation North Stormont Township

- Developed a mobile app to collect invasive species monitoring and treatment field data
- Ensures data integrity to aid in informing resource allocation and tracking program success

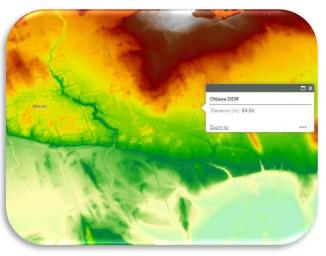


## Tools of the Trade – Mapping Data Additions





Locally Significant Wetlands in Alfred-Plantagenet



Interactive Digital Elevation Model

- Recently approved Locally Significant Wetlands in Alfred-Plantagenet added to Public and Internal Portals
- Interactive digital elevation models added for City of Ottawa and St. Lawrence River area

### Ben Colgan, GIS-Database Analyst



# **Protecting People and Property**





Chesterville Dam

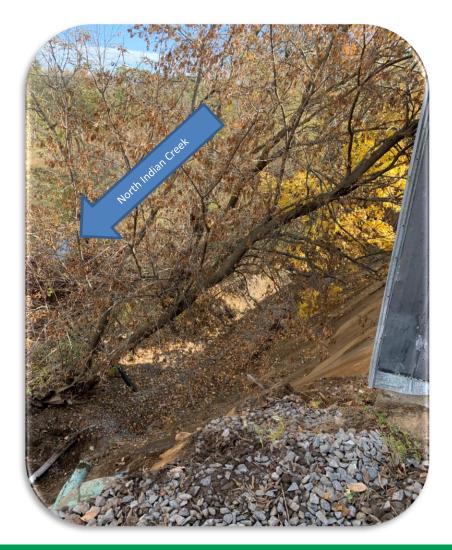
- Annual inspections completed
- Draft Crysler Dam Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual prepared
- Chesterville Dam Ice Management Study has begun





October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Bourget resident reported a landslide on their property





Sandra Mancini, Managing Director, Natural Hazards and Infrastructure

### Our Local Environment, We're in it Together.

